GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3593
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2000
SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE FOR HANDICAPPED
DINESH CHANDRA YADAV

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bihar Government has sought any financial assistance from the Union Government to set up a special employment exchange and also to create a Special Fund for other employment exchanges for the centrally sponsored schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said amount is likely to be provided?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) Yes, Sir. A proposal was sent by the Government of Bihar, vide their letter dated 28.10.1999 for setting up 11 Special Cells within the Normal Employment Exchanges at a total cost of Rs. 37,88,400/-. Neither a proposal has been received from Government of Bihar to create a Special fund for other Employment Exchanges for the handicapped persons nor there is any provision for creation of such a fund under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Employment of the Handicapped.

(b)&(c) A reply was sent to the Government of Bihar on 31.1.2000 stating that their proposal for setting up Special Cells could not be considered in view of the Government of India`s decision conveyed to all the State Governments/UT Administrations on 17.5.1994 that no new Special Cells are to be set up. Theywere also advised that they would have to meet 20% of the expenses in case they propose to set up Special Employment Exchanges. In their reply dated15.03.2000, the State Government stated that they have a proposal to set up Special Employment Exchanges at Ranchi and Dumka at a cost of Rs. 6.56 lakhsand that they would meet their share of 20% They further stated that a proposal would be sent after approval by the State Government. No such proposal has been received so far. The State Government has been reminded on 11.4.2000 and 19.7.2000.